INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 CFR §1.133 AND MPEP §713.04

A telephonic interview in the above-referenced case was conducted on May 4, 2004 between the Examiner and the Applicants' undersigned representative. The Office Action mailed on February 13, 2004 was discussed. Specifically, the rejections of claims 1, 6-9, and 20-28 and the proposed amendments set forth herein were discussed with the intent to place the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his time and attention in this case.

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 10-19, and 29-30 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 22 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1, 6-9, and 20-28 remain pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 6-9, and 20-28 under 35 U.S.C.§103.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. As amended, claim 1 recites "...a switch connecting said one or more integrated circuits to said interface for receiving an external stimulus, wherein the external stimulus, based on a position of the switch, determines said first active response and said second active response when said interactive frequency tag apparatus is polled by said polling device; and an output device configured to generate a signal corresponding to the first active response and the second active response, when said interactive radio frequency tag apparatus is polled." None of the references, either in combination or alone, disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 6-9 and 20-21 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above. Claim 22 has been amended similarly to claim 1 and is also believed to be allowable for the same reasons as those stated above for claim 1. Claims 23-28 depend from claim 22 and are also believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

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(1) <u>Examiner Brown</u> (3)					
Proposed Date of Into			Time: 11:00am EDT		
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Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	1, 6-9, 20-28	per 02/13/2004 Off. Action	T/ A	[]	[]
(2)			[]	[]	[]
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An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on MAY 4, 2004					
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